

Serial No. 10/083,656 filed February 25, 2002
Amendment dated January 18, 2007
Response to Office Action of August 10, 2006

Amendment and Response to Office Action of August 10, 2006

In response to the Office Action of August 10, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) begins on page 3 of this transmittal.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this transmittal.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 5 of this transmittal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this transmittal.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) begins on page 12 of this transmittal.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this transmittal.

A Replacement Sheet of Drawings for Figure 1 is attached following the Remarks.

PTO Form PTO/SB/08A (thirteen sheets) having references listed thereon are attached following the Replacement Sheet of Drawings.

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Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and all applicable law, Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the application. The present request is believed to be proper since:

- (1) prosecution in the application is closed (i.e. the last Office Action was a final action);
- (2) a responsive submission is included herewith;
- (3) the fee set forth for an RCE is hereby provided (please charge all required fees to Deposit Account 50-1604);
- (4) and the present request is being submitted prior to abandonment of the application.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action and entry and consideration of the enclosed submission are hereby requested.